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I am amazed at the approach DOJ seems to be taking in the MS case.

The software is crappy, and yet is now possibly being given out to our nation's young people, in the form of self serving donations from MS to fiscally challenged schools.

This can only serve to advance the product further, into markets that the company might not otherwise ever see.

Giving computers to schools is a noble cause. Making them use the same software published by MS is ironical.

Isn't the forced bundling the issue that started this whole mess in the first place?

To me, a better solution would be:

1. Make MS give hardware only, and take advantage of the offer from Red Hat or any other reputable OS vendor so inclined to donate Linux or another OS to run the computers.

or, better yet-

2. Make Microsoft pay cash money in the billions to disadvantaged schools and let the schools decide where to spend the money.

To me, letting MS off the hook, and in a sense actually rewarding them for their reprehensible past actions (remember the decision? GUILTY of monopolistic practices) is not going to make anyone outside the MS family proud to be an American. I expect it would bring shame to many inside MS as well, knowing that they have twisted the justice system to their own ends.

Make me proud.

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